



COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

Industrial.

Irish Exodus to America.

The British press is deploring the continued rush of Irish and Cornish emigrants to America. Over 22,000 have left Ireland alone during the present year. At present they are leaving at the rate of 2,000 a week. The rate is proportionately high in Cornwall, where the mining industry is practically dead.

Grasshoppers Threaten Kansas.

The big, voracious alfalfa grasshopper which did considerable damage to the vegetation of Kansas during the past summer is threatening that great grain state with a worse scourge next year. This fear is based on the discovery of many eggs laid by the hoppers this fall. If the winter should be mild they are expected to produce a vast destructive army. The hopper is three and a half inches long and half an inch across the chest. All sorts of devices have already been used to head off the pest, the coming of which is said to be due to the killing off of quail and other insect birds.

Erie to Electrify a Section.

The managers of the Erie railroad have about decided upon a plan for the electrification of the suburban service throughout New Jersey at an expense of \$20,000,000.

A Coal Trust in Spain.

F. W. Mahin, the American consul at Nottingham, England, has information to the effect that a coal trust is in formation in Spain, with the object of cutting out the English producers. The plan is to combine all the coal mines of Spain under one management, with a capital of \$40,000,000, hoping to increase the total output.

Responsibility for Train Wrecks.

In its editorial dealing with last year's terrible record of railway accidents in the United States the Railway Age says it is possible to avoid all train accidents, but adds that the requirements for such a system would not be tolerated by the American public. It finds two things primarily responsible for our railway fatalities—namely, "the demoralization in discipline incident to the labor union movement, and the lack of proper signaling equipment." In addition to this, the responsibility of the public is pointed out for demanding fast trains and unlimited facilities on the one hand and low rates on the other. It is admitted that as a people we are careless in our regard for human life, but "the railways are neither better nor worse than the people they serve." The main conclusion of this railroad authority is that the first step toward reform lies in better discipline secured by relaxing the hold of labor unions and that the second step lies in the improvement of the plan of better signaling.

Labor.

Auto Drivers to Organize.

The organizers of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters have begun to form unions composed of automobile drivers who operate business vehicles. The movement, which started at New York, is being carried on in all the larger cities of the country.

Fall River Mills to Resume.

The owners of the Fall River (Mass.) cotton mills refused last week to entertain the proposition made by the Textile Council for an investigation of the ability of the mills to pay the old rate of wages. At the same time the manufacturers voted to reopen their mills on Monday morning, Nov. 14. This ends the sixteenth week of the strike, and earnest efforts have been made to induce the operatives to return.

Labor Conditions in Germany.

That wages of adult laborers range from 24 cents a day to 83 cents a day in different parts of Germany for a ten or twelve hour day is the statement made in a book just issued by the secretary of the Teamsters' union at

Dresden. Notwithstanding this, the cost of the necessities of life and rents are as high as in the United States.

Falling Wages in England.

Consul General Evans, at London, England, notes the issuance of the eleventh annual report of a British board of trade showing changes in the wages and hours of labor in the United Kingdom. The report shows that over a million workers had experienced a decrease in wages during the last fiscal year. In 78 per cent of the cases wage changes were effected by arbitration.

Commercial.

Election Boomed Trade.

The Republican cyclone made a high water trade of stock transactions Nov. 9. Shares were dealt in to the number of 2,329,746, and \$3,977,500 in bonds changed hands. Prices ruled higher all along the line.

Rockefellers in Atchison.

It was stated at Los Angeles Nov. 10 that John D. Rockefeller and James Stillman had bought \$25,000,000 worth of Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe.

Cruise of the Oleo Trust.

Secretary Treasurer George W. Russell of the recently organized National Oleomargarine association admits that an aggressive national campaign has been begun for the repeal of the Groat bill, which imposed a 10 cents a pound tax on colored "oleo." He says that the great packing houses of the west as well as the local dealers are enlisted and are sending in contributions.

EDUCATIONAL

Nurse Training at Harvard.

Under the instruction of President Eliot, Dr. Alfred Worcester has been investigating methods of training for nurses in Europe before taking charge of a college for nurses which Harvard is about to establish. This will be the first college of its kind in connection with a university. A four year course is to be provided. The students, besides hearing lectures and studying text books, will gain experience by practice in private homes with private patients as well as in hospital wards.

Fire Drill Saves School Children.

The value of fire drills in general and especially the efficiency of the drill in the New York city schools was demonstrated when fire attacked school No. 17, in Forty-seventh street, Nov. 9, during school hours. In perfect order the 2,500 pupils were marched out of the burning building. They ranged in ages from five to fourteen. In about two minutes the building was clear.

"Tech" to Join Harvard.

It is announced at Boston that the proposed educational alliance between Harvard university and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been definitely agreed upon. Neither of the institutions is expected to sacrifice its independence, as the separate faculties and administrations would continue. The main thing about the alliance is that all of the industrial sciences would be taught by "Tech," while the courses in liberal arts and pure sciences would be taught by the Harvard faculty.

SOCIOLOGICAL

Miss Gould Reforms the Pike.

On request of Helen Gould, the lady managers and the national commission of the Louisiana Purchase exposition have expelled from the Pike objectionable features and solicitors. A number of acts in the theaters have been stopped or toned down.

Women Against Trade Schools.

The action of the New York Federation of Women's Clubs in electing Mrs. Philip Carpenter as president in place of Mrs. Dore Lyon last week was due in part to the opposition to

Mrs. Lyon's project for the establishment of a trades school for girls.

The Women's Poison Habit.

The Twentieth Century club of Boston at the suggestion of Edward Atkinson has begun a movement for legislation to enforce publicity regarding the contents of the so called patent medicines. Commenting on this action, the Woman's Journal says that women are the chief patrons of these poisonous patent medicines in the shape of tonics for themselves and soothing syrups for their infants. It testifies that even earnest workers in women's societies destroy their nerves with drugs more deadly than the drugs they deprecate. Under specious names in thousands of drug stores "women who shrink with horror from a saloon imbibe 'medicines' far more deadly than 'drinks' at ten times more exorbitant prices and wreck their health and homes without knowing what they are doing." The proposed law is similar to one now rigidly enforced in both France and Germany.

Another Church Saloon.

Under the patronage of the Rev. G. A. Morrill, pastor of the People's church of Minneapolis, that city is to rival the Subway tavern at New York by having a church, theater and saloon all in one building.

SCIENTIFIC

Arsenic in Clothing.

During a recent investigation at the department of agriculture concerning the amount of arsenic used in coloring wall papers and clothing, several samples of stockings were found to be heavily charged with the poison. Black stockings seem to contain a larger amount of the drug than colored stockings.

Antirheumatism Serum.

A curative serum for articular rheumatism is said to have been discovered by a Dr. Menzer of Halle. He has become convinced that the disease is caused by a streptococcus which enters the organism through the lungs.

Against X Rays For Cancer.

The proposed Oncologic hospital at Philadelphia for the treatment and study of cancer and other tumors is not to use the X ray treatment. The specialists in charge say it is generally admitted now that the X ray treatment is futile and dangerous to patient and operator alike. The latest case of X ray poisoning is that of Dr. Louis A. Weigel of Rochester, N. Y., who had to have his right hand and a part of his left amputated on account of the growth of a cancer caused by frequent use of the X rays. While Dr. Weigel is said to be improving, there is no certainty about the outcome. Only a few weeks ago occurred the death of Mr. Edison's assistant, Clarence Dally, from similar causes.

Size of Known Universe.

Inquiring into the extent of the universe, Professor Simon Newcomb, our foremost astronomer, writes in Harper's Magazine that nearly all the stars which we can see with our telescopes are "contained within a sphere not likely to be much more than 200,000,000 times the distance of the sun." As to there being stars without limit beyond our radius of vision, Professor Newcomb does not pretend to know, but the fact that the stars of each order of magnitude are not found to increase in uniform ratio favors the conclusion that stars are not scattered through all space equally.

Recreative Sports

Lou Dillon Regains Laurels.

The world famous trotting mare Lou Dillon, whose record was lowered recently by Major Delmar, was driven by her trainer, Millard Sanders, at Memphis, Nov. 8, a mile in 2:01 1/4 without aid of pacemaker, abetted or with shield. This is the record made by Major Delmar, who was formally crowned king of trotters on the New York speedway.

Oldfield Auto Champion.

Since the recent victory of Barney Oldfield in the ten mile automobile race at Yonkers, N. Y., against Bernin, Sartori and Thery, the road racing champions of Europe, the American driver has been regarded as the world's auto champion. Oldfield covered the ten miles from standing start in the record time of 9 minutes 12.3 seconds.

Auto Boat Mile Record.

The fastest time ever made in the world by an auto boat over a nautical mile was credited to the Ontario, owned by H. B. Moore of the Atlantic Yacht club of New York, which went the mile on the Hudson in 2 minutes and 25 seconds. This is at the rate of 25.36 statute miles an hour.

NEW BLOCK SYSTEM

Burlington Road May Make Changes Looking to Further Safeguarding Travel.

A committee representing the Railway Signal association at the recent convention in St. Louis made two radical recommendations regarding the use of block signals. The first was that the staff system be used on all single track railroads and the lock and block system on all double track systems. In view of the fact that there is practically no staff installation in the United States, barring the short lines in the mountain routes on the Santa Fe, and a few miles on the Queen & Crescent, the committee's report may be regarded as somewhat sensational.

As a result the management of the Burlington company has set up two staff machines in the general offices in Chicago, which are being inspected with interest by railway officials of many lines. The company is about to install the system on the Savanna branch between Steward and Flagg Center, Ill., a distance of about 10 miles. The management of the Northwestern is sending a signal expert to observe and report upon the workings of the system here.

The system has been used in England for years and has never been seriously regarded by officials of American roads on account of the cost of the installation, which is almost twice as great as that of the best automatic block system in this country and may exceed \$5,000 a mile. The staff system makes it impossible for the engineer to enter the block with his train without coming into possession of the metal bar called a staff.

The system is worked by electricity and it is impossible for more than one train to be in a block at the same time. The present system of the Burlington has always been considered the leading block system in use. They have had fewer accidents than any other large road in the country. Their system has been copied by many of the leading roads in this country. To learn that they have taken up with the new one makes it appear a success.

Disastrous Wrecks.

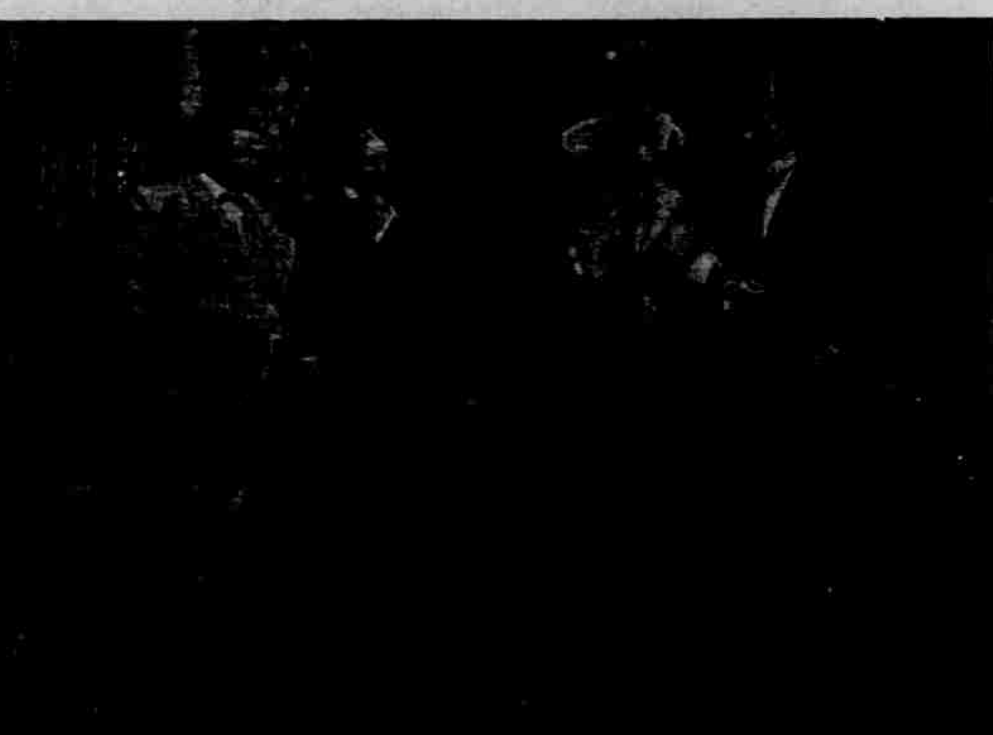
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Brooms, landlides, cyclones, floods and tidal waves have been worked overtime since that fateful day by the able phrase mongers of the press in an effort to express adequately the size of this victory for the Republican party. Although confident of winning, the Republicans themselves say they did not expect such enormous gains. In the hour of his supreme triumph the president and president elect delivered a master stroke of true strategy by explicitly saying he would neither seek nor accept another presidential nomination. This makes for cheerful acquiescence of the minority elements. The overwhelming defeat of the "safe, sane and conservative" candidate in the name of the Democracy, together with the surprisingly large vote cast for the Socialist and Populist candidates, makes certain one of two results—the Democracy will be reorganized with Bryan and his radical allies in full control or the radical elements of that party will be fused into some entirely new and radical organization. Already rumor is busy connecting the names of Hearst, Bryan, Watson and others with such an alignment. Our American sense of humor will hardly grudge Mr. Bryan his sarcastic remark that "surely silver cannot be blamed for this defeat."

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